

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Nursing met Thursday, February 2, 2017 via conference call at the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Barton, RN, MSN
Julia Worthy, RN, MSN
Dellarie Shilling, RN, DNP, FNP-BC
Tina Fletcher, LPN

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director
Janet Freeman, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Edye Tillman-Johnson, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Tara Miller, RN, BSN, Nursing Consultant – Legal/Discipline
Betsy Cohen, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Kirsten Daughdril, JD, Assistant Attorney General

Barton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Shilling moved, Worthy seconded and the Committee voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2(k); 43-1-19(h), 43-26-5(c) and 43-26-11, to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and pending cases. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on Thursday, February 2, 2017 Barton declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE CASES

(**LPNI** = Licensed Practical Nurse Investigative Case Number) (**RNI**=Registered Nurse Investigative Case Number)

Worthy moved to present the following recommendations to the Board.

RNI170381 – Close the case.

RNI170321 – Close the case.

RNI170497 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Drugs).

RNI170584 – License with Letter of Concern (Criminal).

RNI170482 – Refer for an Investigative Interview.

RNI170510 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a private reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Continuing Education violation.

LPNI160257 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for revocation.

LPNI170528 – License with a Letter of Concern (Alcohol).

LPNI170494 – Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI170463 – Close the case with a Letter of Concern (Unprofessional Conduct).

LPNI170093 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for public reprimand to include one (1) year probation, a fine of \$500 for Unprofessional Conduct, quarterly reports (self, employer), and courses in Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses; Ethics of Nursing Practice; Disciplinary Actions, What Every Nurse Should Know; and, Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills.

RNI110654/RNI160180 – Table until February 16, 2017 teleconference.

RNI170442 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI160396 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public reprimand to include a fine of \$500 for Action in Another Jurisdiction.

RNI170531 – License by examination.

LPNI160037 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. May petition to lift with 12 months documented sobriety and an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator completed within 30 days of the petition. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170544 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations, a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing and a fine of \$500 for a Continuing Education violation.

RNI170396 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare, psychotherapy), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI170331 – If statement is received from the treatment provider, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a private consent order to include five (5) years monitoring, quarterly reports (self, employer, aftercare), Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

LPNI130199 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a voluntary surrender or an indefinite suspension. Deny the renewal.

LPNI150442 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI100181 – Upon receipt of documentation stating that licensee is safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a public consent order to include five (5) years probation, two (2) years narcotic restriction, quarterly reports (personal, employer, aftercare) Substance Abuse Stipulations and a course in Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.

RNI170350 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an expedited outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

RNI170415 – Refer to the Attorney General's Office for an outpatient mental physical examination from a Board approved evaluator to be hand served. Results are to be reviewed by the Investigative Committee and the Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant.

Shilling seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 5:01 p.m.


James D. Cleghorn, **Executive Director**